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A Joint sitting of the Sri Chitra State Council and the Sri Mulam Assembly met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall, at Eleven of the Clock, the President, Khan Bahadur Nawab Sir Muhammad Habibullah Sahib Bahadur, K. C. S. I., K. C. I. E., KT., LL. D., Dewan of Travancore, presiding.

OATH OF OFFICE.

The Secretary to the Sri Chitra State Council called out Rao Bahadur A. Rengasvami Aiyar, Financial Secretary to Government, to take the oath.

Mr. K. Kunjukrishna Pillai (*Sri Mulam Assembly, Quilon I*) : Sir, there is no item in the agenda for 'Swearing in'. Also, I do not know whether in a joint session, a member can take the oath as a member of either the Assembly or the State Council. That formal doubt arises. I wish to clear these doubts.

President : It is found that the Financial Secretary, who has got to present the Budget Estimates to-day to this House, is not a member of either Chamber at the present moment. Merely for the purpose of removing that defect and enabling the Financial Secretary to do what has to be done under the rules, he is being permitted to be sworn in. But there is nothing in the rules prohibiting the Financial Secretary to discharge his duty. That must be admitted. Nor can this be regarded as a precedent for the future. There is nothing very irregular about it.

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Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai (*Sri Chitra State Council-Municipal Councils*): Is it not open to an official member of a House to address either of the two Houses?

President: Yes.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: In that case, why should he take the oath now?

President: Unfortunately the Financial Secretary is not a member of either House.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: But, when he is sworn in, he becomes a member of one of the two Houses.

President: Yes, That is why he is being asked to take the oath.

Rao Bahadur A. Rengasvami Aiyar then took the oath and signed the rolls.

Rao Bahadur A. Rengasvami Aiyar: Sir, I rise to present the Budget Estimates and the usual financial statements for the year 1112.

Before reviewing the financial position for the current and ensuing years, I shall, as usual explain briefly the results of the last completed financial year (1110).

ACTUALS OF 1110.

2. The ordinary revenue and expenditure charged to revenue for the year 1110 were Rs 227·02 lakhs and Rs 231·47 lakhs respectively against the revised estimates of Rs 233·44 lakhs and Rs 232·95 lakhs. The year thus closed with a deficit of Rs 4·45 lakhs as against a revenue surplus of Rs ·49 of a lakh anticipated in the revised estimates.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: (*Sri Chitra State Council-Chirayinkil cum Nedumangad*): May I know whether the rules permit any one else to read the speech of the Financial Secretary?

President: The speech is being read now.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Can it not be taken as read, Sir? We cannot hear the Financial Secretary.

President: Please raise your voice a bit, Mr. Rengasvami Aiyar.

Rao Bahadur A. Rengasvami Aiyar: Yes, Sir.

This was the result of a fall in the anticipated revenue by Rs. 6·42 lakhs offset by a saving in expenditure of Rs 1·48 lakhs.

The fall in revenue was mainly under Land Revenue (3·34), Excise (1·77), Excise duty on matches (·53), Stamps (1·66), Registration (·41), Interest (·86) and Miscellaneous (·48. Under Land

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